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Pam Kyle Inducted Into LAMSFA Hall of Fame



Pam Kyle, Bowling Green VFD Ladies Auxiliary and Past President of the AGCVFRA Ladies Auxiliary, front row second from left, is shown being shortly after being inducted into the LAMSFA Hall of Fame during the annual convention at Ocean City. Shown with Pam (front row left to right) are Past President Betty Grabenstein; Kyle; LAMSFA President Carol Hayden; and Genny Huttenlock, Hall of Fame committee. Shown seated in the second row are Lori Denbow, corresponding secretary; Barbara Sue Nelson, Jr. vice-president ; and Leone Gatton, Hall of Fame committee. *(Photo courtesy - Donna Struntz)*

Upcoming Meetings

Maryland State Firemen's Association

Aug 23-24: Williamsport Fire & EMS

Allegany-Garrett Co. Vol. Fire & Rescue Association

July 13: Northern Garrett

Allegany-Garrett Co. Vol. Fire & Rescue Assoc. L.A.

Sept. 14: Oldtown

Garrett County Association

May 28: Friendsville VFRD

Mike Walters Fellowship of Christian Firefighters

July 12: Bloominton

MSFA Announces Election Results, Raffle Winners

Election of the new MSFA officers were recently announced following their election during the annual Convention. Officers for 2014-2015 are: David Keller III, President; Johnnie Roth, 1st Vice-president; Mike Davis, 2nd Vice-president; Doyle Cox, Secretary; Mitch Vocke, Financial Secretary; Ron Siarnicki, Treasurer and John Long, Jr., Chief Chaplain. Other officers and assistants may be viewed on the MSFA website,

www.msfa.org/content/officers.

Winners of the \$10,000 Raffle were: \$10,000 - Carla Stevenson; \$2500 - Mary Thomas; \$1500 - Bev Brown; \$1000 - Clarysville VFD; \$750 - Indian Head VRS; \$500 - Kevin Landis; \$250 - Allen King and \$100 - Mel Hess, Natalie Baker and Sandy McClafferty.

Parade awards went to Miss Fire Prevention

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C.B. Broadwater Serves Third Term, DeVore Chosen Vice President



Officers for 2014-2015 were installed during the 102nd Annual Convention held at the Cresaptown VFD. From left to right are David Keller III, MSFA 1st Vice-president, installing officer; Dennis Mallery, editor; Clarence Broadwater, president; Rod Bowser, secretary; Dick DeVore, vice-president; John Shuhart, treasurer; and Pete Walbert, chaplain. *(Photo by Ronald Watkins)*

The 102nd Convention of the Allegany-Garrett Counties Volunteer Fire & Rescue Association kicked off Saturday morning, June 7th, with Prayer Breakfast being held in the Department's Social Hall. Guest speaker for the morning was the Rev. Harry Hetz, MSFA Chaplain.

Following breakfast, a memorial service was held at the Calvary Baptist Church where some 28 emergency service providers from 20 departments, 18 Association and two non-Association departments were remembered as well as nine Auxiliary members from seven departments. Participants in the service included Pastor Bruce McBride, Calvary Baptist; Betty Grabenstein, Association Ladies Auxiliary secretary; Shirley Walbert, Association Ladies Auxiliary chaplain; Patricia Bowser, Association secretary; Pete Walbert, Asso-

ciation chaplain; the Rev. Harry Hetz, MSFA chaplain; members of the Cresaptown VFD who served as ushers; Adam Townsend, bell ringer; Bertha Reed and Amie Chronister who provided special music; and the Calvary Praise Team.

President Gene Kidwell officially opened the business session of the convention at 10:30 a.m. with the pledge to the flag and the invocation by Chaplain Walbert. John Pratt, Cresaptown trustee, welcomed members to the department on behalf of the host.

Secretary Rod Bowser called Roll with the following not represented: Baltimore Pike; Bedford Road; Corriganville; Deep Creek; Deer Park; Frostburg Area Ambulance; Gorman, Grantsville; Oakland, Rawlings and Southern Garrett Rescue.

Past Presidents attending included Bob Knippenburg,

1971-72; Jim Decker, 1972-73; Ron Grabenstein, 1982-83; Pete Walbert, 1984-85; Aaron Winters, 1987-88; Dennis Bonner, 1988-89; Gerard McGann, 1991-92; Rod Bowser, 1992-93; David Kyle, 1998-99; Pat Bowser, 1999-2000; Janet Elbin, 2000-01; Mike Simmons, 2001-02; Tim Dayton, 2004-05; Bobby Ritchie, 2005-06; Kathy Bever, 2006-07; Clarence Broadwater, 2007-08, 2011-12; Dennis Mallery, 2008-09; and Barbara Knippenburg, 2010-11. Past President Bob Knippenburg introduced those guests present which included David Keller III, MSFA 1st vice-president; Johnnie Roth, MSFA 2nd vice-president; Rev. Harry Hetz, MSFA chaplain; Joe Robison, PP MSFA; Phil Hurlock, PP MSFA; Frank Underwood, PP MSFA; Ron Watkins, MSFA PIO; Mark Bilger, MSFA Executive Committee; Robin Sheldon-Long, candidate for MSFA 2nd vice-president; Mike Davis, candidate for MSFA 2nd vice-president; Clark Beall, Laytonsville VFD; David Kline, Walkersville VFD; Lee Lutz, Glen Dale FA; Sen. George Edwards; Delegates Wendel Beitzel and Kevin Kelly; Rick Lillard, MD Forestry Service; Dick DeVore, Director-Allegany Co. Dept. of Emergency Services; John Herath, Chief-Allegany Co. Dept. of EMS; Tim Growden, Chief-Allegany Co. Special Operations; Dawne Lindsay, Clerk of Circuit Court; C.J. Bens, Provident Insurance; Jack Mosholder, Mosholder Insurance; Sami Jo Kight, MSFA Western Region Jr. Miss Fire Prevention; Jenna Holshey, MSFA Western Region Jr. Miss

Fire Prevention Runner-up; Shelby Simmons, Association's Miss Fire Prevention; Tara Holshey, Association's Miss Fire Prevention Runner-up and John Connell, Maryland Fire Equipment.

Nomination of Officers and Location of the next convention were opened with the following nominations made:

President: Clarence Broadwater, GoodWill VFC.

Vice-president: Rodger Long, Oldtown; Carl Blank Jr., Clarysville VFD and Dick DeVore, Ellerslie VFD.

Secretary: Rod Bowser, Friendsville VFRD.

Treasurer: John Shuhart, Barton Hose Co.

Chaplain: Pete Walbert, Cresaptown VFD.

Editor: Dennis Mallery, Oldtown VFD.

Place of next convention: No nominations were received.



Janet Elbin, **Fire Prevention & Education**, thanked everyone for their support of the Fire Prevention committee during the past year.

Janet presented certificates to each of the Fire Prevention Ambassadors, from both the Association and the MSFA Western Maryland representatives.



President Gene Kidwell reported **Ways & Means** committee, that tickets for the Summer Raffle were being

passed out. The drawing will be held on August 2nd with the

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C.B. Broadwater Serves Third Term, DeVore Chosen Vice President (cont.)

first place winner receiving a \$250 gift card from B&B Country Meats and the second prize winner, a \$100 Sheetz gift card. Tickets are being sold for \$1.00 per ticket.



Clarence Broadwater, **Past Presidents**, reported the group met at Hobo's Restaurant on May 24th where dues and new officers were elected. Officers selected for the upcoming year are Dennis Mallery, secretary; Jim Decker, Jr., treasurer; and Pete Walbert, chaplain. The next dinner meeting will be scheduled by incoming Past President Gene Kidwell.



Rodger Long, **Safety**, spoke on heat alarms for in the home:
Top Five Things to Know about Heat Detectors

1. Heat Detectors are designed to protect property, not life. There are certain fire-protection applications where smoke detectors are not suitable, such as non-life-safety installations where the environment has too many airborne particulates due to excessive steam, moisture, dust, humidity or temperature, such as in attics, garages, warehouses, storage facilities, elevator machine rooms and electrical closets. Smoke detectors applied in those environments are cost prohibitive from a maintenance standpoint.

2. Heat detectors can be electronic or mechanical.

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Typically, electronic heat detectors have additional features, such as LED indicators that blink to indicate closes a contact. These detectors tend to be very inexpensive.

Pneumatic heat detectors, on the other hand, use an air chamber that is sealed with a moveable diaphragm. When the air inside the sealed chamber gets warm, the chamber expands and distorts the diaphragm. This, in effect, puts pressure on a set of contacts, which makes an electrical connection. Pneumatic detectors are often used in harsh environments because they can be sealed against corrosive elements.

4. Heat detectors can be spot type or linear.

Spot type detectors essentially have their "detection mechanism" at one location. That is, the sensing element is in one physical location. Contrast that with linear heat detection, where the sensing element is spread out over a large physical area.

In linear heat detection, a special multicore wire or cable is utilized. The cable has two conductors that are fitted with an insulating jacket with a specific melting point. That melting point corresponds to

the detection scheme's fixed temperature set point. When the temperature increases enough, the insulating jacket separating the conductors melts and they come into contact with one another, shorting out. This short can be detected. These linear heat detection cables can be hundreds of feet in length, making them ideal for conveyor or cable tray applications.

5. Heat detectors can be rate-of-rise, compensated, fixed-temperature detectors.

In a slowly developing fire, this form of detector responds when the temperature of the air surrounding the detector reaches a predetermined level. In a rapidly developing fire, the detector anticipates the air temperature reaching the operating point, accelerating the operation of the detector. This produces a fixed-temperature detector with virtually no thermal lag.



John Shuhart, **Statistics**, reported he had received all reports with the exception of

Ellerslie Ambulance and Gorman. John thanked everyone for getting their reports in.

Statistic Report for Allegany & Garrett Counties for the year ending December 31, 2013:

Percent of Income by

Source:

Municipality: 4; County 31; State 8; Billing 16; Fund Raising 25; Fund Drives 6; Other 9.

Membership by Category:

Active volunteer 1,443; Life

members 353; Cadets 94; Fire Police 31; Support 246; Other 31; Career/Paid Employees 36; Male 1,013; Female 429.

Training by Highest Level:

Fire: Pre-Basic 76; Basic/FF-I 541; Intermediate/FF-II 263; Advanced/FO-I 109; FO-II & above 26; No training 284.

Rescue: Basic 248; Intermediate/Technician 148; Advanced/Specialist 59; Specialized Training 140; No training 470.

EMS: CPR 771; First Responder 118; EMT-B 373; CRT 5; EMT-I 18; EMT-P 63; No training 311.

Haz-Mat: Awareness 444; Operations 391; Technician 54; Specialist 5; WMD/Terrorism 217; No training 313.

Drill/Training Hours:

Fire 12,475; Rescue 3,170; EMS 10,252; Haz-Mat 1,791; Other 2300.

Hours of Member Activity:

Fire/Rescue calls 33,952; Rescue 4,986; EMS 31,729; Fire Prevention 2,477; Fund Raising 61,604; Administrative/Meetings 17,039; Meetings 18,667; Maintenance 10,321; Standby/Misc. 3,310.

Equipment:

Engines or Pumpers 22; Engine/Rescue 13; Engine/Tanker 8; Tanker 18; Aerials or Towers 1; Brush Trucks 25; Mini Pumpers 4; Ambulances 16; Rescue/Utility 28; Cars/Command Units 7; Other vehicles 18.

Following the break for lunch, Jake Shade, candidate for County Commissioner and Kingsley Poole, retired administrator of the WMRTC, was

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introduced as a new guest.

Mike Simmons, **Special Awards**, started the afternoon session off with

the presentation of the Association's annual awards:

Firefighter of the Year: John Pratt, Cresaptown VFD

Junior Firefighter of the Year: Maxwell Cessna, Cresaptown VFD

Hall of Flame:

Clarence L. Broadwater, GoodWill VFC.

Brian Moses, GoodWill VFC
Eugene Thrasher, Midland VFD (deceased)

Jeff Baird, Bowling Green VFD (deceased)

The **James E. Lamberson**

Fire Prevention Award was presented to the Potomac Fire Co. #2 for their booklet, which was accepted by Chief Tim Dayton and Sami Jo Kight. Second place was awarded to Orleans VFD and Shelby Simmons, Accident VFD, placed third.

Dick DeVore and Tim Dayton presented the **Robert H.**

Shimer Administrator of the Year award to Bobby Pattison, Potomac Fire Co. #2. Runner-up was William Mayles, also from Potomac Fire Co. #2.

Dennis Mallery presented the **Past President's Award** to Past President Barbara Knippenburg for her continued work for the good of the Association.

Special awards were presented to Ryan Hill, Cresaptown VFD, for his efforts to rescue a trapped tractor trailer driver in the Potomac River at Oldtown

after his truck rolled off the bridge and into the river.

Tri Towns EMS received a special award, accepted by Bobby Pattison, for the part in saving a Westernport woman who had a severe anaphylactic reaction to a bee sting.

Gary Holshey, GoodWill VFD, was recognized for assisting in the administration of CPR to a patient while on vacation at Ocean City.

Jesse James, Midland VFD, was honored for his *****

Mike noted the poor response this year for nominations for the annual awards. He suggested Departments submit their nominations following their annual banquets while still fresh in their memories.

Past President was presented with a certificate honoring her for her dedication and work on the Smoke Alarm Grant program the past few years.

Also recognized by President Kidwell as heroes were Allegany County Fire Police, Special Operations Teams: Collapse Rescue, Confined Space Rescue, Hazardous Materials Team, the High Angle Rescue Team and Swift Water Rescue Team. Also recognized were the Allegany County 911 Joint Communications Center, the Potomac Fire Company and Maryland State Police Aviation Trooper 5 for their assistance to Tri Towns EMS on the September 19, 2013 anaphylaxis call. Mike also reported the **Garrett County Association** would next meet on July 30th at the Gorman VFD beginning at 7:30 p.m.

President Kidwell, announced the **Ways & Means Fair Raffle** would be held both the Alle-



gany County AgExpo and the Garrett County Fair with a drawing date of Saturday, August 2nd. First

prize is a \$250 gift card from B&B Country Meats and second prize is a \$100 gift card from Sheetz. Tickets were distributed to those attending the convention with others to be delivered soon afterwards. Clarence Broadwater was to assume responsibility for the raffle.

The Election Judges announced the officers for the upcoming year, 2014-2015 will be President: Clarence Broadwater,; Vice-president: Dick DeVore; Secretary: Rod Bowser; Treasurer: John Shuhart; Chaplain: Pete Walbert and Editor: Dennis Mallery. The Place of the 2015 Convention remains open. Following the installation of officers by MSFA 1st Vice-president David Keller III, President Broadwater was presented the gavel by Past President Gene Kidwell and his badge of office by Vice-president Keller. The GoodWill Ladies Auxiliary also presented Clarence with a gift to help him in his upcoming year.

John Shuhart, on behalf of Mosholder Insurance, presented Past President Kidwell with his past president's gavel. Secretary Rod Bowser presented Kidwell with his Past President's pin and name tag. Chaplain Pete Walbert reminded everyone that the Prayer Breakfasts are open to any members and are normally held the first Saturday of each

month at 8:30 a.m. with the next breakfast being held at the Bloomington VFD on July 12. With the location of the next convention in the air, Departments were asked to go back to their Departments and try and bring back a location to be considered at the July 13 meeting, being held at the Friendsville station of the Northern Garrett Rescue Squad.

With no further business, the 102nd annual Convention was adjourned by President Broadwater.

Bedford Road VFD & Corriganville VFD BBQ Chicken

July 25 11:00 a.m.
to
July 26 7:00 p.m.

Bedford Road VFD
1/2 Chicken & Roll
\$5.00

1/2 Chicken, 2 sides
and roll \$7.00

Desserts available
for extra charge
Pre-order by calling
(814) 207-8508

Delivery available for
large orders

Benefits New
Engine-Tanker Fund

B.E.S.T Priorities for Firefighter Health and Safety

The NVFC developed the B.E.S.T Priorities for Firefighter Health and Safety to provide departments with a series of practices they should adhere to in order to keep personnel safe and ensure everyone comes home. These priorities are divided into a series of B.E.S.T. Practices covering the topics of Behavior, Equipment, Standards and Codes, and Training.

The B.E.S.T. Priorities for Firefighter Health and Safety are as follows.

Behavior:

- Support the physical, emotional, and mental well-being of all personnel.
- Operate all emergency apparatus and privately owned vehicles to conform to the highest road safety standards and enforce the use of seatbelts.
- Develop, practice, and enforce recommended health and safety standards for all personnel.
- Monitor and ensure that all active emergency scenes maintain the utmost level of safety and fireground accountability.

Equipment:

- Provide and require the proper use of full personal protective equipment.
- Maintain all equipment based on established safety recommendations.

Standards and Codes:

- Encourage the use of all smoke, fire detection, and fire suppression devices, including fire sprinkler systems, in all structures.
- Vigorously enforce all fire safety codes and ordinances.
- Obtain apparatus and equipment that meet national safety standards.

Training:

- Utilize fire training programs that conform to the highest professional standards.
- Operate a safe fire training ground at all times.
- Establish, maintain, and deliver fire safety programs for all age groups.

The article above was printed by the National Volunteer Fire Council on June 16, 2014. For more information, visit the NVFC website, www.nvfc.org/news-and-events/current-news/3416-be-at-your-b-e-s-t

N.V.F.C. Seeks Assistance To Encourage The Reinstatement of Federal Programs

In a news release recently, the National Volunteer Fire Council is seeking help from emergency service units nationwide to help restore Federal programs that have assisted the emergency services in the past. The news release is reprinted in its entirety below:

The NVFC is requesting assistance is letting Congress know of our disappointment with the recent decision to halt the transfer of excess equipment to volunteer fire departments. As many of you can attest, we receive several excess vehicles each year with the assistance of Monte Mitchell at DNR/Forestry. DoD has recently halted this program due to a concern over the release of vehicles that do not meet minimum emissions standards.

Please help voice our concerns by selecting the link below and completing the templated letter.

Two programs that allow local fire departments to obtain excess U.S. Department of Defense equipment to help them fight wild-land fire have been shut down abruptly and without warning. Through the Federal Excess Personal Property (FEPP) and Fire-fighter Property Program (FPP), fire departments obtained, on average, more than \$150 million-worth of decommissioned DoD apparatus and equipment annually between 2008 and 2012. Most of this equipment went to rural volunteer fire departments, which typically lack financial resources and yet provide 80 percent of the initial attack on wild land fires in the U.S.

The FEPP and FPP have been suspended apparently because the used equipment do not meet federal emissions standards. Senator John McCain is circulating a letter in the U.S. Senate to the Secretary of Defense asking for an explanation as to why the decision was made to halt equipment transfers and to provide a specific course of action to correct the situation as quickly as possible. The deadline for signing onto the letter is Wednesday, July 9. Contact your U.S. Senators TODAY and tell them to sign onto the letter.

Take Action !!

http://cqrcengage.com/nvfc/app/takeaction?engagementId=53260&ep=AAAAC2Flc0NpcGhlcjAxMmULNfkzVnaryufTptctnVxQFL9Kx1pVorPQ_GmHWX1U9k_i6L_S3ReLXP7hQ2L-S8nZW6Kqho7Hyddu7ytBA&l

Thanks !!

David Lewis
Past President, Maryland State Firemen's Association
Maryland Alternate Director, National Volunteer Fire Council

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PARADE



Pictures from the 2014 Convention and Parade, from top left clockwise, Cresaptown President Chris Cage addressing the members attending the business meeting while President Kidwell looks on; John Pratt, Cresaptown, being presented with the 2014 Firefighter of the Year Award by Mary Carr, left, and Mike Simmons, right.; Host company, Cresaptown VFD's engine tanker; Miss Shelby Simmons, AGCVFRA Miss Fire Prevention; GoodWill VFC's Utility 20; and the Ali Ghan Highland Band Color Guard.

(All photos courtesy Cresaptown VFD)

Mid-Atlantic Life Safety Conference Scheduled, Registration's Open Now

The 2014 Mid-Atlantic Life Safety Conference has been scheduled for September 23rd at the John Hopkins APL, Kossiakoff Conference Center in Laurel, MD. The morning address will be given by Chief Ernest Mitchell, Jr., U.S. Fire Administrator on 'Saving the Future - Working Together for a Safe America'. Topics for the Breakout Sessions include:

- Stress First Aid
- Grant Writing Workshop
- Age Appropriate Fire Safety Messages
- Effects of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) on EMS Systems and Providers
- Highway and Responder Safety
- Firefighter DNA - Fast, Close, Wet
- The Importance of Prevention Program Evaluations
- Consistent and Effective Inspections
- Lend a Hand, Save a Life - MIEMSS Community CPR Initiative
- Response to the Columbia Mall Shooting

Registration fee is \$60.00 per person. For registration forms with payment or purchase orders postmarked on or before September 6th, the registration fee for the conference will be \$50 per person. Jurisdictions sending five or more persons will be able to send the 6th for free.

Payment must accompany any registration. To pay online by credit card or PayPal, please visit www.fabscom.org. A completed registration form must be submitted. Fax or mail your registration to the address below or fill out the fillable form available at www.fabscom.org and submit by email, mail or fax. Paying online will not guarantee your registration without also submitting the completed registration form.

Continuing Education Credits: MIEMSS will award eight Continuing Education Units for Local Option B (ALS providers - CRT and EMT/P) and M (BLS providers - First Responders and EMT/B) categories for persons in attendance for the full day.

For further information or to submit the form, contact:

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Upcoming Meeting Date 2014-2015

A. Mike Walters Chptr - Fellowship of Christian Firefighters

2014

July 12*	Bloomington VFD
Aug. 2	Eastern Garrett Co. VFRD
Sept. 6	Bedford Road VFD
Oct. 4	Good Will VFC
Nov. 1	District 16 VFD (10:00 a.m.) PG Chapter here
Dec. 6	Orleans VFD

2015

Jan. 3	Potomac Fire Co. #2
Feb. 7	Ellerslie VFD
Mar. 7	Barton Hose Co.
Apr. 11*	Flintstone VFD
May 2	Oldtown VFD
June 6	Convention - Location to be announced

* meets on 2nd Saturday

All meetings begin at 8:30 a.m. except those for November and the Convention meeting.

MSFA Executive Committee

2014

Aug. 23 - 24	Williamsport Fire & EMS
Dec. 6 - 7	Pocomoke City VFC

2015

Feb. 7 - 8	Sudlersville VFC
Apr. 18 - 19	Urbana VFC
June 20 - 26	Convention - Ocean City

Baltimore Pike VFC

Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday, August 16th

4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Spaghetti - Salad - Roll

\$7.00

Dessert and sodas available
for an additional charge

Extra sauce available - \$5.00/quart

Eat in or Carry out!

Upcoming Association Meeting Dates		Convention (cont)	Upcoming Training	
Allegheny-Garrett Counties Volunteer Fire & Rescue Association		Shelby Simmons, 2nd place for Miss Fire Prevention Making Best Appearance; Cresaptown VFD received 2nd place for Pumper Tanker Making Best Appearance and also received 1st place for the Company Coming The Longest Distance. LAMSFA Officers for the upcoming year include: Ann Price Davis, President; Darby Byrd, Sr. Vice-president; Barbara Sue Nelson, Jr. Vice-president; Vivian Boyd, Recording Secretary; Michelle Healy, Treasurer; Marcia Roth, Financial Secretary; Lori Denbow, Corresponding Secretary; Donna Struntz, Chaplain; Becky Wathen, Vice-chaplain; Malea Daughton, Historian; Shari Steffen and Stephanie Dalton, Color Bearers and Elaine Huttenlock, chairperson	EMT	
2014			Aug. 20 WMRTC 1830 hrs Wed/Sun	
July 13th Northern Garrett Rescue			Sept. 8 GCC 1830 hrs M/Th/Sa	
Aug. 3 Good Will VFC			F/F i*	
Sept. 7 Friendsville VFRD			Sept. 6 WMRTC 0830 hrs Saturdays	
Oct. 5 Luke VFD			F/F II*	
Nov. 2 Cresaptown VFD			Sept. 9 GCC 1830 hrs. Tu/Th	
Dec. 7 Orleans VFD			Sept. 21 WMRTC 0830 hrs. Sundays	
2015			Haz-Mat On-Scene Incident Commander	
Jan. 4 Midland VFD			Sept 13 WMRTC 1030 hrs Sundays	
Feb. 1 Bowling Green VFD			Rescue Tech: Structural Collapse Technician	
Mar. 1 District 16 VFD			Sept 4 WMRTC 1830 hrs Th/Fr/Sa/Su	
Apr. 12 Oldtown VFD			<i>* requires Medical Clearance</i>	
May 3 Flintstone VFD			Always check the MFRI website for up-to-date classes and changes at www.mfri.org	
June 6 Convention - Location to be announced				
AGCVFRA Ladies Auxiliary				
2014				
Sept. 14 Oldtown VFD				
Nov. 9 Barton Hose Co.				
2015				
Mar. 8 Good Will VFC				
Apr. 19 District 16 VFD				
June 6 Convention - Location to be announced				

**Mt. Savage VFD
6th Annual Band Bash**

Moss Cottage Ball Field
Saturday, July 12th
 Gates open 11:00 a.m.
 First Band on stage: 12:00 p.m.
 Personal coolers welcomed
NO GLASS!!!
 Admission: \$10.00/person
 Food/drink available all day
 6 local bands scheduled to appear
 Benefits Mt. Savage's Equipment Fund

**Orleans VFC
Upcoming Events**

July 19: Annual Gun Bash
 August 31: BBQ Chicken & Ribs
 11:00 am til sold out
 Sept. 21: BBQ Chicken & Ribs
 11:00 am til sold out
 Oct. 12: Spaghetti Dinner
 12:00 pm until 3:00 pm or sold out
 For more information, contact any member of the Orleans VFC



IN MEMORY

The 2014 Memorial Service, held during the 102nd Annual Convention at the Calvary Baptist Church honored the 28 Firefighters and nine members of the Auxiliaries who passed away since the last convention.

The Power of Prayer

It's hard to go through times like this, When God prepares us for our eternal bliss
 Remember that each time we suffer, It's for our own good and it makes us tougher
 I hope this gives you comfort to know, our Dear Sweet Jesus loves you so
 Remember Jesus does all for good, keep your faith up as you should
 Stay close to Jesus until the end, remember He wants to be your friend
 Don't forget the power of prayer, for those who love Him He will always be there
(1 Thessalonians 5:17-18)

<p>*** FREE ***</p> <p>Dry Cleaning & Shirt Salon 1313 National Hwy LaVale, MD 21502 (or any of their branches)</p> <p>Offering Free Dry Cleaning of Class A Uniforms or Uniform Shirts</p>	<p>Oldtown VFD Auxiliary Sunday, July 15th Meat Loaf Dinner 12:00 pm until sold out Carry-outs available</p>	<p>Spaghetti Dinner</p> <p>Good Will Fire Company First Friday of each month 4pm-6pm</p>  <p>Fireman's Armory in Lonaconing</p>	<p>Eastern Garrett Co. V.F.R.D. Spaghetti Dinners</p> <p>2nd Saturday each month 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. Adults: \$7.00 Children: \$3.50</p>
<p>Midland VFC Ladies Auxiliary Chicken Dinner</p> <p>August 12th September 9th 4:00 pm til sold out</p>	<p>Chicken BBQ Corriganville VFD July 11th & 12th September 12th & 13th - Chicken BBQ and Block Party</p> <p>\$7.00 gets you a half chicken, two sides and roll.</p> <p>We Deliver!! Just call (301) 722-7418</p>	<p>GoodWill VFC Gun/Cash Bash</p> <p>Saturday, Sept. 20th 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. 'Coney Armory</p> <p>Tickets \$25.00/person Guests \$10.00</p> <p>Grand Prize: \$2,500</p> <p>Other raffles also available day of event</p>	<p>Turkey Dinners</p> <p>4th Sunday of: March April September</p> 
	<p>Send Us Your Information!!</p> <p><i>The Bulletin</i> is the official newsletter of the Allegany-Garrett Counties Volunteer Fire & Rescue Association who's business address is P.O. Box 252 Barton, MD 21521-0252. Information for inclusion in the newsletter should be sent to the Editor at P.O. Box 142 Oldtown, MD 21555-0142 or emailed to drm21555@yahoo.com</p>		

Hoarding In The Home !!

With the recent visit of the State Fire Marshal Brian Geraci, he noted a campaign is on about bringing awareness to the emergency services. To notate the seriousness hoarding, there were the recent deaths of two firefighters while fighting a house fire that was hampered with hoarding. This is a touchy subject for many fire and EMS personnel as we see some of this when we respond to emergencies on a daily basis. Sometimes, we have had to move debris from our path to the patient or in order to access the area of and around a fire. It's something that we don't speak about outside of the response crew because we keep what we see to ourselves. It's hark to do our job sometimes due to excess 'things' in our way. It's obvious we must move some furniture at times to get an ambulance stretcher through a hallway or around a tight corner as we navigate our way to the closest or best place of egress.

It seems this is a wide spread epidemic in homes across America. In Maryland, there are approximately 20,000 homes affected (too, too many!). Thus, Fire

Marshal Geraci and his Deputies are on a mission to bring awareness and information to the forefront of this problem that now plaques many communities. All emergency service personnel should be on the alert to inform their local emergency dispatch centers of addresses or areas of concern; then responding personnel will get a heads up during a response. I think that each of you to be eyes and ears for your fellow responder - to keep them safe and bring an awareness to your brothers, sisters and fellow department members. If we can prevent a least one (1) loss of life, we're doing our job!



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